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VIA ECF

Hon. Jennifer L. Rochon United States District Court Judge **United States District Court** Southern District of New York **United States Courthouse** 500 Pearl Street, Room 20B New York, N.Y. 10007-1312 (212) 805-0204

> Re: Saunders v. Matawana, LLC Case No. 1:24-cv-7123 (JLR)(JW)

Joint Status Letter

The requested adjournment is GRANTED. The Court will enter a separate order scheduling the initial pretrial conference for February 14, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. The parties are directed to submit a status update to the Court by February 10, 2025, informing the Court whether they intend to proceed to the initial pre-trial conference or request referral to mediation instead.

Date: January 2, 2025

New York, New York

SQ ORDERED

United States District Judge

Dear Judge Rochon:

We represent Plaintiff Michael Saunders ("Plaintiff") in the above-referenced Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") matter against Defendant Matawana, LLC ("Defendant") (collectively, the "Parties"). Together with Defendant's counsel, we submit this joint letter in accordance with this Court's Order issued on September 20, 2024 (ECF Doc. 4).

Pursuant to this Court's Order, the Parties have conferred on multiple occasions since the Notice of Appearance by Defendant's counsel, David Stein, Esq., was filed on November 14, 2024 (Dkt. 9). During these discussions, the potential resolution of the pending matter has been a central focus. Although we have not yet reached a settlement, there is a reasonable probability that we will be able to do so in the near future.

We have engaged in detailed discussions to address the pertinent issues of this case. These discussions have been constructive and are aimed at finding a mutually agreeable resolution that would be fair and equitable for both parties. Given the progress made during these negotiations, we remain optimistic about reaching a settlement that would obviate the need for further judicial

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intervention.

Plaintiff asserts that we believe the active Complaint clearly meets the recent Second Circuit decision in *Calcano v. Swarovski N. Am. Ltd.*, 36 F.4th 68, 77-78 (2d Cir. 2022); and *Harty v. W. Point Realty, Inc.*, 28 F.4th 435, 443-44 (2d Cir. 2022). the complaint is more than sufficiently detailed to comport with the requisite elements, including, "(1) when Plaintiff attempted to access to the website, (2) what Plaintiff was attempting to do on the website, (3) the specific barriers that prevented Plaintiff from gaining access, and (4) how Plaintiff intended to utilize the website in the future." *See, Loadholt v. ShirtSpace*, 2023 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 36924, at *5-6 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 6, 2023) Defendant, in contrast, believes that it is unlikely that the complaint is sufficient to satisfy the *Calcano* standard, in that the relevant allegations are vague and conclusory, but to the extent the complaint is sufficient, expects that preliminary discovery will reflect plaintiff's lack of standing.

However, to ensure that the resolution process remains on track, we propose a brief adjournment of the Initial Case Conference and all associated hearings for 45-days. This will allow the Parties additional time to discuss potential terms of an agreement without imposing unnecessary demands on the Court's schedule and resources. Should the parties not reach an agreement, we concede to the assignment of this case to mediation (or to proceed with an initial status conference.)

Sincerely,

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